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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 17 as follows:

"The present invention proposes an apparatus ~~of the type mentioned in the~~
~~preamble which~~ that avoids the necessity of using a computer for updating operation
software within a storage device."

Please add the following paragraph beginning on page 3, line 32 as follows:

"While the embodiments of the present invention disclosed herein are
presently considered to be preferred, various changes and modifications can be made
without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. The scope of the
invention is indicated in the appended claims, and all changes that come within the
meaning and range of equivalents are intended to be embraced therein."

Please amend the Abstract as attached hereto.